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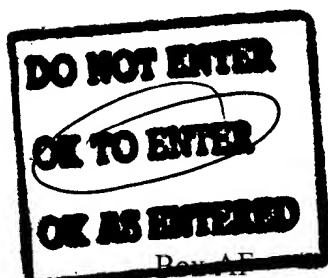
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Title: METHODS FOR ACHIEVING OPERATING TEMPERATURE OF GLASS  
CONTACTING SURFACES OF GLASS FORMING EQUIPMENT, AND  
GAS MIXTURE THEREFOR



AMENDMENT-B

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action of December 26, 2002, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows, and consider the accompanying remarks.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 3, delete the paragraph at 9-15, and reinstate the following paragraph as originally filed:

Today, some glass contacting elements are heated by contact with glass gobs and the combustion of a mixture of combustible gases, namely, 75% by volume of MAPP gas, a mixture of methylacetylene, propadiene and propylene, which is commercially available from Petromont of Canada, and 25% by volume of propane. Better heating of glass contact surfaces is needed, however, especially in view of the tendency toward shorter runs and longer downtime while glass contacting